

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application.

Claims 1-52 are pending in this application.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the acceptance of the drawing amendments filed on January 21, 2005.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 1-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action states, "it is confusing and unclear what a common electrode having an outer edge running substantially perpendicular to the horizontal direction means."

Applicant respectfully submits that the language in issue is clear and definite, simply meaning that the outer edge of the common electrode is oriented substantially at a right angle to the common electrode's horizontal direction, a feature that is clearly shown in Figs. 4-8.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-6, 9-16, 19-26, 29 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,630,686 to Kim. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant respectfully submits that Kim '686 is not prior art to Applicant because Applicant's effective filing date, under 35 U.S.C. §119(a), is May 25, 1998. In this regard, Applicant respectfully notes that Applicant's Declaration for Patent Application contains a claim to priority of Korean Patent Application P98-18883 filed in the Korean Patent Office on May 25, 1998; that a certified copy of Korean priority Application P98-18883 was filed on November 7, 2002 along with a verified English language translation of that Korean Priority Application, as evidenced by the Postcard Receipt bearing a date-of-receipt stamp of the USPTO, dated November 7, 2002, and by the acknowledgement, on page 2 of the September 21, 2004 Office Action, of receipt of papers submitted under 37 C.F.R. §119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed in the file.

Accordingly, Applicant has perfected its claim for priority and should be accorded an effective filing date of May 25, 1998, which is prior to the effective date of Kim'686, which is December 4, 1998.

Applicant contacted Examiner Nguyen on May 5, 2005, who checked the Image File Wrapper of this application. Examiner Nguyen indicated that the Image File Wrapper contained an image of the certified copy of Applicant's priority Korean Application No. P98-18883, but he was unable to locate the English language translation of the certified copy of the priority Korean Application.

Under the circumstances, Applicant herewith encloses another copy of the English language translation of Korean Priority Application No. P-98-18883, for the convenience of the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that Kim '686 has been removed as an effective reference under 35 U.S.C. §102.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection of claims 1-6, 9-16, 19-26, 29 and 30 are respectfully requested.

ALLOWED AND ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 31-52, and of the existence of allowable subject matter in claims 7, 8, 17, 18, 27 and 28.

Applicant has not rewritten these claims in independent form at this time, however, because Applicant believes that these claims are allowable because the independent claim from which each of these dependent claims depend are allowable at least for the reasons stated above.

NON-APPLIED REFERENCES

Because the remaining patents cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject claims, but merely to show the state of the art, no comment need be made with respect thereto.

CONCLUSION

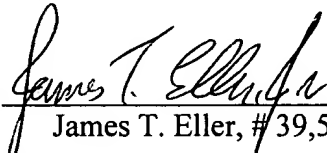
All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and that the present application is in condition for allowance.


If any issues remain, however, the Examiner is invited to telephone Robert J. Webster, Reg. No. 46,472, at 703-205-8000 in an effort to expedite prosecution.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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